WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1.   A method comprising:

        detecting a device;

5   detecting a device type of the device; and

        transmitting a signal to the device for selectively disabling a

function of the device based on the device type.

2.   The method according to Claim 1 further comprising detecting a location

10   of the device.

3.   The method according to Claim 2 wherein disabling the function is based

on the location of the device.

15   4.   The method according to Claim 1 further comprising detecting a profile

containing a device type field and a function field.

5.   The method according to Claim 4 further comprising storing the profile

with a storage module.

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6.   The method according to Claim 1 wherein the function is producing an

audible alert.

7. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the function is emitting an audible sound from the device.

8. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the function is capturing an

5 image with the device.

9. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the device is a camera.

10. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the device is a cellular phone.

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12. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the device is a portable music device.

13. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the device is a video camera.

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14. A system comprising:

     means for detecting a device;

     means for detecting a device type of the device; and

     means for transmitting a signal to the device for selectively

20 disabling a function of the device based on the device type.

15.   A method comprising:

        detecting a device;

        detecting a location of the device;

        detecting a device type of the device; and

5   selectively disabling a function of the device based on the location

and the device type.

16.   The method according to Claim 15 further comprising requesting a

payment from the device for restoring the function.

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17.   The method according to Claim 16 further comprising restoring the

function of the device in exchange for the payment.

18.   The method according to Claim 15 further comprising recalling a profile

15   including an area field, a device type field, and a function field for disabling the

function of the device.

19.   The method according to Claim 15 wherein the device type is an image

capturing device.

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20.   The method according to Claim 15 wherein the device type is a cellular

phone device.

21   The method according to Claim 15 wherein disabling the function turns the device off.

22.   The method according to Claim 15 wherein disabling the function prevents the device from emitting sound.

23.   The method according to Claim 15 wherein disabling the function prevents the device from capturing an image.

24.   A system, comprising:

a recognition module for detecting a device and a device type of the device;

a location module for detecting a location of the device; and

a storage module configured for storing a profile that selectively disables a function of the device based on the device type and the location of the device.

25.   The system according to Claim 24 further comprising a transaction module configured to handle a payment request in exchange for restoring the function of the device.

26.   The system according to Claim 24 wherein the recognition module further comprises detecting an identity of the device.

27.   The system according to Claim 24 further comprising an interface module for communicating with the device.

5   28.   A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

        detecting a device;

        detecting a location of the device;

        detecting a device type of the device; and

10   selectively disabling a function of the device based on the location and the device type.